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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE REQUEST

1. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REQUESTS A CERTIFIED AND EXEMPLIFIED RESPONSE FROM THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL TO GAIN EVIDENCE FOR USE IN A CASE PRESENTATION IN U.S. COURTS.

2. PLEASE CONTACT:

ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER GENERAL IMPORTS/EXPORTS BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CANBERRA

3. INFORM HIM OF THE FOLLOWING:

ON OR ABOUT 29 APRIL 1974, A FRESHLY PRESERVED LYREBIRD WAS RECEIVED BY MR. RICHARD BANKS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MR. BANKS FORWARDED THE BIRD TO A DR. CHARLES SIBLEY IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. INFORMATION AT HAND SHOWS THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY DR. SIBLEY WITH A MR. ROBERT J. BEGG OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, KENSINGTON, N.S.W. EVIDENTLY MR. BEGG HAS RECENTLY COLLECTED THE BIRD FOR DR. SIBLEY AND FORWARDED IT THROUGH THE MAIL, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESERVED WITH FORMALDEHYDE.

- 4. REQUEST THE ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER GENERAL, OR THE MOST RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL QUALIFIED TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE LEGALITY OF PARA 3. ASK HIM TO QUOTE THE APPLICABLE AUSTRALIAN LAW VERBATIM. ASK HIM TO HAVE THIS STATEMENT NOTARIZED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS QUALIFIED TO COMMENT ON THIS MATTER. HE SHOULD MENTION PERMIT ISSUANCE.
- 5. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXEMPLIFY THIS OFFICIALS STATEMENT AND IDENTIFY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR EVIDENTIARY REASONS.
- 6. IN REPLY PLEASE PASS TO LE/BEERS TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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